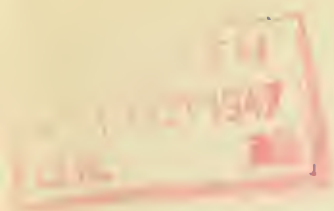


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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

on the Health of the Borough
for the Year 1946

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Borough of Aylesbury

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
TOWN HALL,
AYLESBURY.
August, 1947.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Aylesbury.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present the annual report on the health of the Borough of Aylesbury, together with the vital statistics for the year 1946. Incorporated with the report is that of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, together with details of work performed by the staff of the Public Health Department.

Despite the unusual severity of the Winter, there was no marked increase either in the deaths from respiratory disease, or the notifications of influenzal infections.

The incidence of infectious disease was remarkably low, the number of measles cases notified being 39 as compared with 365 the previous year; and 13 cases of scarlet fever compared with 32 previously. There was no case of diphtheria notified in the Borough during the year.

The invaluable services of the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, both at the Stoke Mandeville Ministry of Pensions Hospital, and at Oxford, have been available throughout the year to assist in the prevention of disease generally. Meteorological details in the report have been furnished as in former years by the Borough Surveyors' Department and I record my thanks for same.

I thank you, Mr. Mayor, and Members of the Council for your admirable support in all matters affecting the health of the Borough, also the members of the Public Health Staff for their unfailing assistance and co-operation throughout the year.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	3,288 acres.
Population	18,940.
Number of inhabited houses (at end of 1946 according to Rate Books)	4,800.
Rateable Value	£149,427.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£612. 14s. 5d.

Unemployment.

At December 9th, 1946 :

3 women.

25 men.

—

28 Total.

—

At December 31st, 1945 :

4 women.

20 men.

—

24 Total.

—

Vital Statistics.

	1946.			1945.		
	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.
Live Births—Legitimate	349	181	168	303	149	154
Illegitimate	32	14	18	28	16	12
Still Births—Legitimate	11	6	5	2	1	1
Illegitimate	1	1	—	3	3	—

	1946	1945
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1946	20.12	17.31
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	20.75	17.57

	1946.			1945.		
	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.
Deaths	189	108	81	182	78	104
Death rate per 1,000 estimated average population	9.98			9.51		

Deaths of infants under one year of age:—

	1946.			1945.		
	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	9	5	4	7	4	3
Illegitimate	2	2	0	2	1	1
Totals	11	7	4	9	5	4

Death rate of Infants under one year of age:—

	1946	1945
All infants per 1,000 live births	28.87	27.11
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	25.79	23.10
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	62.50	71.43

Analysis of Deaths.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	—	1
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Tuberculosis—Respiratory	4	5	9
Other forms of Tuberculosis	2	—	2
Syphilitic Diseases	—	—	—
Influenza	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—
Acute Polio-Myelitis and Polio-Encephalitis	—	—	—
Cancer	12	11	23
Diabetes	2	2	4
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	10	8	18
Heart Disease	25	18	43
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	7	10	17
Bronchitis	7	2	9
Pneumonia	4	3	7
Other Respiratory Disorders	2	1	3
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	2	2	4
Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)	—	—	—
Appendicitis	2	—	2
Other Digestive Disorders	4	3	7
Nephritis	1	7	8
Puerperal and Post Abortive Sepsis	—	—	—
Other Maternal Causes	—	1	1
Premature Birth	1	—	1
Congenital Malformation, etc.	5	2	7
Suicide	—	2	2
Road Traffic Accidents	2	—	2
Other Violent Causes	3	—	3
All Other Causes	12	4	16
Totals	108	81	189

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Infectious Diseases.

The Aylesbury Joint Board Isolation Hospital provides accommodation for cases of infectious disease requiring hospital treatment. There are 69 beds, including 2 blocks of the cubicle type. The Hospital is under the medical superintendence of the Medical Officer of Health of the Borough. Consultant services, both medical and surgical, are available through the Medical Superintendent of the Ministry of Pensions Hospital, which is adjacent.

Pathological Specimens.

Pathological Specimens are examined at :—

- (1) The Public Health Laboratory Service, Walton Road, Oxford.
- (2) The Stoke Mandeville Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Aylesbury.

Voluntary Hospital.

The Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital which provides accommodation for the town and neighbouring districts has carried out excellent work, but accommodation and staff are inadequate to deal with the large demands made on the hospital.

During 1946 additional hospital accommodation was provided by Tindal House E.M.S. Hospital, and the Stoke Mandeville (Ministry of Pensions) E.M.S. Hospital. When no beds have been available at the Royal Bucks Hospital cases have been admitted to these institutions.

Ambulance Services of the Borough.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade maintain three ambulances for dealing with accidents and other cases.

An ambulance is maintained by the Aylesbury Joint Hospital Board for the conveyance of infectious disease cases.

Voluntary effort has been largely responsible in the provision of the services and drivers available for the Borough.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

The Infant Welfare Centre, situated in Church Row, is under the control of the Bucks County Council, and is open as an Infant Welfare Clinic every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The premises are also used as a dental clinic for children of school age.

There is still an urgent need for maternity beds.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

A special session is held for this purpose for school children on the 3rd Thursday in each month at the centre in Pebble Lane. 154 school children were immunised at these sessions during the year. Immunisation is also performed at the Infant Welfare sessions at the same address and 161 children under the age of five were immunised during 1946.

Through the County Council scheme children may also be immunised by general practitioners without charge to the parent.

Treatment of Venereal Diseases.

The County Council is a participant in the London and Home Counties Joint Scheme operated by the London County Council, so that local victims of these diseases may receive free treatment either at the Royal Bucks Hospital or any other approved clinic.

The number of new cases of venereal disease amongst Aylesbury residents receiving treatment at the Royal Bucks Clinic during 1946 was nineteen. This does not include those local inhabitants who seek treatment at other centres.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

The Borough receives its water supply from the wells by the Chiltern Hills Spring Water Company.

During the year eleven samples have been taken from domestic taps, and satisfactory reports were received on all samples.

All save two houses in the Borough are supplied directly from the public water mains, the exceptions having private wells.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The drainage and sewerage of the Borough is satisfactory, and is on the partially separate system, surface water from the streets and buildings being discharged to water courses at various

points. Owing to the differences in level, four localities are provided with pumping stations to lift the sewage into the main sewers. These are situated at Mandeville Road, Buckingham Road, California and Tring Road.

Sewage Disposal.

The Sewage Disposal Works, situated near the boundary of the town, continues to function satisfactorily.

Public Conveniences.

The supervision of these conveniences is under the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

The town is well served by the conveniences for both sexes under the island in Kingsbury Square, used as a centre for omnibus services, and also at the Vale Ground, High Street. There is a gentlemen's convenience adjoining the Cattle Market, and temporary urinals in Upper Hundreds and Walton Road.

Public Cleansing.

The Borough Surveyor's Department have carried out this work very satisfactorily during the year.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Inspections made under the Public Health Acts were as follows :—

Slaughterhouses	693
Butchers' Shops	76
Food Shops	904
Dairies and Cowsheds	98
Bakehouses	35
Infected House Visits	32

Open Air Swimming Pool, Park Street.

The purification of the water in the open air Swimming Pool continues to be satisfactory.

Indoor Swimming Bath, Bourbon Street.

These premises have only been used for slipper baths during the year.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Eighty-nine rooms have been disinfested against bed bugs; D.D.T. Spray and gamexane powder being used.

Schools.

The general sanitary condition of the Elementary Schools in the Borough is good, and the water supply is sufficient.

Local Rainfall.

JANUARY	1.33 inches	JULY	2.31 inches
FEBRUARY	2.24 "	AUGUST	3.38 "
MARCH	1.04 "	SEPTEMBER	4.71 "
APRIL	1.17 "	OCTOBER	0.97 "
MAY	2.85 "	NOVEMBER	4.64 "
JUNE	2.62 "	DECEMBER	1.67 "

Total rainfall for the year = 28.93 inches.

(Figures supplied by Mr. J. D. Dugdale, Borough Surveyor).

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

Pasteurisation is carried out on a large scale at Messrs. Nestlé's and the Aylesbury Co-operative Society's premises. Numerous samples were taken during the year to ensure that the plants were working satisfactorily.

The following milk retailers are licenced to sell "Tuberculin Tested" and "Pasteurised" milk in the Borough :—

"Tuberculin Tested."

1. Messrs. Nestlé's Milk Products, Ltd., High Street, Aylesbury.
2. Mr. A. Warren, St. John's Street, Aylesbury.
3. Mr. R. S. Pearce, Stoke Farm, Stoke Mandeville.
4. Mr. W. Hodgkins, 87, Wendover Road, Aylesbury.
5. Mr. F. J. Davies, "Homefield," Bierton.
6. Messrs. J. Lisley & Son, 83, Tring Road, Aylesbury.
7. Mr. S. W. Walker, Burcott House, Bierton.
8. Mr. R. Launchbury, Hadley Herd Dairy, Hartwell.
9. Mr. L. J. Evett, Park Street Dairy, Aylesbury.
10. Messrs. Dickens & Warner, Vale Dairy, Victoria Street, Aylesbury.

"Pasteurised."

1. Aylesbury Co-operative Society.
2. Messrs. Nestlé's Milk Products, Ltd., High Street, Aylesbury.
3. Mr. A. Warren, St. John's Street, Aylesbury.

(b) Meat and Other Foods.**Carcases Inspected and Condemedned.**

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1,787	606	2,129	6,726	146
Number inspected	1,787	606	2,129	6,726	146
All diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned	9	18	2	17	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	380	157	8	130	9
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	21.77%	28.88%	0.47%	2.19%	7.53%
Tuberculosis only. ...					
Whole carcases condemned	12	26	1	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	286	13	5	—	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	16.68%	26.57%	0.28%	—	4.80%

The total weight of meat and other foods condemned during the year was 45 tons, 3 cwt., 1 lb.

**PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.**

Details are given below of the infectious disease notified during the year.

Owing to the shortage of nursing staff at the Aylesbury Joint Board Isolation Hospital, it was necessary to reserve beds for the more severe infectious diseases. The increase in the number of cases which necessarily had to be treated at home did not result in a spread of infection in the district, probably due to the mild nature of the infection, together with the co-operation of the householders.

Disease.	Total Cases. Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Measles	39	4	—
Whooping Cough	51	1	—
Scarlet Fever	13	2	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	3	—
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis .	2	2	1
Erysipelas	2	2	—

**Incidence of Notifiable Diseases during the year,
with Analysis under Age Groups.**

	0—1 yr.	1—2 yrs.	2—3 yrs.	3—4 yrs.	4—5 yrs.	5—10 yrs.	10—15 yrs.	15—20 yrs.	20—35 yrs.	35—45 yrs.	45—65 yrs.	Over 65 yrs.	TOTALS.
Measles	—	3	5	3	5	22	—	1	—	2	—	—	39
Whooping Cough ...	7	5	5	9	7	17	—	—	—	1	—	—	51
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	6	1	3	—	1	2	—	—	—	13
Puerperal Pyrexia .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	3
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2

Thirty-two visits were made to infected premises.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	New Cases.			
	Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 —	0	0	0	0
1 —	0	0	0	0
5 —	0	0	0	1
15 —	2	2	0	0
25 —	2	1	0	0
35 —	2	2	0	0
45 —	2	2	0	0
55 —	1	0	0	0
65 and upwards ...	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	10	7	0	1

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.
M.	F.	M.	F.	
4	5	2	—	11

FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES.

Under the provisions of the Factories Act, 1937, and the Public Health Act, 1936, visits have been made to mechanical and non-mechanical factories and workplaces, and informal action taken where necessary to remedy contraventions of the requirements of these Acts.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health.

PREMISES.	Number of		
	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories with mechanical power... }	53	Nil.	Nil.
Factories without mechanical power }			

2. Defects found.

PARTICULARS	Number of Defects.			
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	In respect of which prosecutions were instituted.
Want of cleanliness (Sec. 1)	1	1	0	0
Overcrowding (Sec. 2)	1	1	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (Sec. 3)	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (Sec. 4)	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (Sec. 6)	0	0	0	0

Sanitary Conveniences:—

(Sec. 7)

Insufficient	2	2	0	0
Unsuitable or defective	1	1	0	0
Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0
Other offences	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	6	6	0	0

Outwork in Wholesome Premises.

It was not found necessary to take any action in respect of outworkers' premises.



Borough of Aylesbury

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Borough Sanitary Inspector

1946.

Borough of Aylesbury

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
TOWN HALL,
AYLESBURY.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the principal activities of the Public Health Department during the year 1946.

NUISANCES, CONTRAVENTIONS OF BYELAWS, ETC.

Complaints received and investigated	48
Nuisances, etc., found without complaint	19
Nuisances, etc., abated	49
Statutory Notices served under the Public Health Acts	5
Informal Notices served under the Public Health Acts	72
Prosecutions	Nil

HOUSES AND PREMISES INSPECTED.

The total number of inspections under the Public Health Acts was as follows:—

Dairies and Cowsheds	98
Bakehouses	35
Butchers' Shops	76
Slaughterhouses	693
Food Shops	904
Visits under the Tuberculosis Order	2
Infected House Visits (Excluding Tuberculosis cases)	32
Marine Stores	4
Miscellaneous Visits	350
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	2,192
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In addition to the above, visits carried out under the Housing Act, Factories Act, Shops Act, Rats and Mice Destruction Act, and Petroleum Act, and visits to Public Conveniences, Disinfestation of Vermin infested properties are shown under their respective headings in this report.

HOUSING ACT, 1936.

It is still not practicable to carry out routine inspections under the above Act, but 87 inspections and 52 re-inspections have been carried out.

The Control of Civil Building Regulations were continued during the year and 583 licences were issued, 405 being in respect of Housing work and 178 for buildings other than houses. This entailed some 600 visits in addition to the time spent in preparing the lists for submission to the Committee.

In addition to the above, a scheme for the release of materials in short supply or the issue of a Certificate of Essential Repair was introduced during the year and 114 such certificates were issued, each of which necessitated at least one visit of inspection.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

One hundred and thirty two notifications of infectious disease were received during the year, as follows:—

Measles	39
Whooping Cough	51
Scarlet Fever	13
Pneumonia	Nil
Tuberculosis	18
Puerperal Pyrexia	3
Erysipelas	2
Diphtheria	Nil
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	2
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	2
Typhoid	2
Dysentery	Nil
Para-typhoid	Nil
Ophthalmia Neonotorum	Nil
Encephalitis Lethargica	Nil
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Visits to infected premises — 34.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Mechanical Factories on the register requiring visiting	48
Non-Mechanical Factories on the register requiring visiting	55
Visits paid to factories	53

PREMISES ON THE REGISTER REQUIRING VISITING.

Bakehouses	13
Dairies	13
Cowsheds	8
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Visits paid to Bakehouses	35
Visits paid to Cowsheds and Dairies	103

NOTICES SERVED re CLEANSING, WATER SUPPLY, Etc.

Cowsheds and Dairies	26
Bakehouses	26
Factories and Workplaces	—
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	52
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MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

Three Cowkeepers within the Borough are licenced by the County Council as producers of "Accredited" milk. Another Cowkeeper is licenced by the County Council to produce "Tuberculin Tested" milk.

Two dairies hold "Pasteuriser's" licences, 10 milk purveyors are licenced to retail "Tuberculin Tested" milk, and one to retail "Pasteurised" milk, and another purveyor is licenced to bottle and retail "Tuberculin Tested" milk. These licences are issued by the Borough Council.

Eighty-three samples of milk were taken during the year, the majority of which satisfied the requirements of the Milk (Special Designations) Order. Investigations were made in all cases which failed to reach the required standards, and the source of failure remedied, all further samples proving satisfactory.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND FOOD SUPPLY.

Slaughterhouse Inspections	693
Butchers' Shops Inspections	76
Food Shops Inspections	904

The number of animals slaughtered during the year was as follows :—

	Bulls.	Steers.	Heifers.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
1st Qtr.	20	129	61	123	505	1,201	56	2,095
2nd Qtr.	32	286	74	99	270	1,212	69	2,052
3rd Qtr.	14	182	279	138	473	1,964	6	3,055
4th Qtr.	8	242	448	246	881	2,349	5	4,192
Total	83	842	862	606	2,129	6,726	146	11,394

The number of carcasses examined was as follows :—

	Killed.	Examined.	Percentage
Bulls	83	83	100%
Steers	842	842	100%
Heifers	862	862	100%
Cows	606	606	100%
Calves	2,129	2,129	100%
Sheep	6,726	6,726	100%
Pigs	146	146	100%
Total	11,394	11,394	100%

The following unsound food was surrendered during 1946 :—

Cow Beef	22,410	lbs.
Cow Offals	8,901½	„
Other Beef	12,970½	„
Other Bovine Offals	12,350	„
Pork	557½	„
Pork Offal	79	„
Mutton	950	„
Mutton Offals	452½	„
Veal	630½	„
Miscellaneous	41,835½	„
	101,137	lbs.

Total : 45 tons, 3 cwts., 1 lb.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1,787	606	2,129	6,726	146
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All diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcasses condemned	9	18	2	17	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	380	157	8	130	9
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis	21.27%	28.88%	0.47%	2.19%	7.53%
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcasses condemned	12	26	1	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	286	135	5	—	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	16.68%	26.57%	0.28%	—	4.80%

Centralised slaughter of animals is carried out under Govern-
ment control.

For the time being all slaughterhouse licences except those
premises under Government control have been suspended.
Slaughtermer's licences are still issued to all men carrying out
this work.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928.

Licences issued for the storage of Petroleum spirit	59
Licences issued for the storage of Carbide of Calcium ...	3
Total fees received for the above licences	£46. 10s. 0d.

Quantity licenced to be kept:—

Petroleum Spirit	126,554 galls.
Carbide of Calcium	1,336 lbs.
Inspections of Petrol and Carbide Stores	14

CANAL BOATS ACTS AND REGULATIONS.

The branch of the canal serving Aylesbury has continued closed during the whole of the year, and no inspections have been possible.

SHOPS ACTS.

Strict supervision under the above mentioned Acts is still not so necessary as in pre-war times as closing hours are now far below those allowed by the Acts.

Seven visits were made during the year.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

The state of the Public Conveniences throughout the year was satisfactory, and apart from some minor damage caused at nights when the attendants were off duty, there were very few complaints.

271 visits were made during the year.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919. RODENT INFESTATION ORDER, 1943.

During the early part of the year the work of Rodent Control continued to be carried out by the Inspectors with the assistance of the general assistant, Howe.

In September the Council took advantage of the Ministry of Food's offer of financial assistance to treat the sewers, and also the scheme for Private Dwellings.

Under the first scheme 216 manholes were baited in the first instance, and in only 16 cases was there evidence of rat infestation, 13 bodies were recovered, and the estimated kill was 120.

Under the Private Dwellings scheme in which private dwellings were treated for rat infestation free of charge, the cost being borne by the Ministry of Food and the Council in the rates of 60% and 40%. Mr. S. Skoyles was appointed as full time Rodent Operator and commenced his duties on October 1st. From that date to December 31st the following work was carried out :—

Private houses treated	175
Business premises treated	19
Estimated number of rats killed	2,653
Number of bodies recovered	252

WATER SUPPLY.

Eleven samples have been submitted to the Analyst during the year, and all were found to be fit for drinking and domestic purposes.

DISINFESTATION.

Disinfestation of premises against vermin has been carried out by spraying and gassing, eighty nine rooms having been treated during the year.

During 1945 small quantities of D.D.T. and Gamexane were procured for experimental use in vermin control.

The evidence obtained from the premises where these materials were used was such that D.D.T. is now being used on all occasions for room spraying, and Gamexane powder for dusting beds, etc.

GENERAL.

Mr. Andrew has now completed 12 months' service and has carried out all his duties in an efficient manner and with care and tact.

Dennis Rixon is still on service in Northern Ireland but expects to be discharged and resume his duties early in the New Year.

Douglas Keen is still in India.

Finally, I wish to express my thanks to members of the Council for their continued help and encouragement, to members of my staff for their loyal co-operation and to my fellow officers for advice and assistance.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

W. EWART RUSE, M.S.I.A., A.R.San.I.,

Borough Sanitary Inspector.